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REPORT.

PAID THE FOLLOWING BILLS BY ORDERS ON THE TOWN TREASURER.

STATE AND COUNTY TAX.

Paid Solon A. Carter, State tax,	\$1236 00
Henry W. Furber, County tax,	2958 83
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	\$4194 83

SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

Paid Charles W. Page,	District No. 1,	\$195 96
Simon Blake,	" 2,	256 22
Haven N. Cook,	" 3,	100 00
Andrew J. Robinson,	" 4,	174 68
John F. Garland,	" 5,	197 82
George W. Seward,	" 6,	166 46
Frank A. Dorr,	" 7,	144 46
Ivory S. Loud,	" 8,	120 60
Frank B. Drew,	" 9,	342 45
James Tuttle,	" 10,	143 00
Ammon S. Reed,	" 11,	141 49
Charles E. Brackett,	" 12,	315 30
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		\$2298 44

PAUPER BILLS.

Paid	Sarah C. Maleham, for Harding family,	\$0 89
	Joseph M. Woodman, for J. E. Campnell,	1 00
	John C. Penney, for transient pauper,	1 50
	John F. Farnham, for Harding family,	1 74
	George A. Yeaton, for Mary Allen,	2 00
	John E. Scruton, for Rhoda Whitehouse,	2 00
	Josiah E. Archibald, for Mrs. Trafton,	2 50
	James G. Stillings, for Harding family,	3 00
	Charles F. Roberts, " "	3 25
	Phinehas O. Cottle, for Jesse Keniston,	3 75
	" " " transient paupers,	4 50
	" " " John Drew,	5 18
	" " " Foss family,	11 66
	" " " Harding family,	45 42
	" " " Rhoda Whitehouse,	28 82
	Nathan O. Weeks, " " "	6 00
	" " " " "	11 00
	John E. Hayes, for transient paupers	4 50
	Samuel W. Roberts, for Rhoda Whitehouse and C. Harding,	6 75
	Haven N. Cook, for school books for Danforth and Wentworth children,	8 20
	A. K. P. Davis, for J. E. Campnell,	12 00
	A. B. Spencer, for Harding family,	15 00
	George W. Goodwin, for J. E. Campnell,	22 00
	George A. Yeaton, for Danforth family,	44 27
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		\$246 95

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid	Jay Runnells,	\$1 40
	Edward P. Yeaton,	1 87
	Joshua H. Cloutman,	2 00
	Hiram R. Waldron,	2 25
	Edward H. Hutchins,	2 75

Paid	Phinehas O. Cottle,	3 40
	Joseph Hanson,	3 50
	Mayhew C. Davis,	3 75
	Josiah Wiggin,	3 75
	Orrin H. Wentworth,	4 06
	William H. Willey,	4 13
	Abraham L. Runnells,	4 20
	Edward H. Hutchins,	4 37
	Samuel G. Wentworth,	5 00
	Alvah Runnells,	5 88
	Isaac D. Watson,	6 01
	Samuel B. Ames,	7 20
	Thomas L. Wentworth,	7 38
	Joseph Hanson,	8 56
	Madison S. Wentworth,	10 00
	Jeremiah D. Butler,	10 65
	For repairing the Copp-Hanson hill,	45 75
	William H. Perkins,	49 75
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		\$197 61

BREAKING ROADS.

Paid District No.	1, John W. Evans, Surveyor,	\$40 16
	2, William A. Maleham, "	42 72
	3 James Tuttle, "	38 85
	4, Isaac D. Watson, "	58 44
	5, Jackson Horn, "	47 58
	6, Daniel S. Davis, "	48 42
	7, John J. Horn, "	25 70
	8, Abraham L. Runnells, "	49 53
	9, Samuel F. Lane, "	34 02
	10, John H. Weeks, "	55 42
	11, George W. Seward, "	22 20
	12, John W. Kimball, "	11 42

Paid District No. 13, Thomas L. Wentworth, "	25 34
14, Edward H. Hutchins, "	24 84
15, Samuel B. Ames, "	37 80
16, Frank A. Dorr, "	30 48
17, Joshua Brooks, "	79 00
18, George H. Gage, "	6 54
19, Madison S. Wentworth, "	49 26
20, Washington Libbey, "	24 48
21, Edward H. Hutchins, "	24 54
22, Joshua H. Cloutman, "	26 68
23, George F. Piper, "	36 60
24, Charles H. Willey, "	33 36
25, William H. Willey, 2d "	60 04
26, Aaron N. Hanson, "	18 06
27, Henry H. Gilman, "	6 72
28, Joseph Hanson, "	26 37
29, Jacob S. Adams, "	37 08
30, Charles F. Rines, "	16 32
31, James W. Shorey, "	32 70
32, Hiram Jones, "	41 48
33, William H. Perkins, "	13 56
34, Nathaniel Meserve, "	20 12
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	\$1145 63

BONDS AND COUPONS.

Paid Burrows Drew, bond No. 3,	\$500 00
Sarah A. Hall, bond No. 31,	100 00
" " 32,	100 00
" " 33,	100 00
" " 34,	100 00
Hiram O. Stevens, bond No. 11,	50 00
George F. Sceggell, bond No. 12,	50 00
Interest coupons on bonds remaining unpaid,	450 00
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	\$1450 00

NOTES AND INTEREST.

Paid Burrows Drew, note \$500, interest \$20,	\$520 00
Salome Weeks, Heirs of, on continued bond,	16 66
John F. Weeks, on continued bond,	3 30
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	\$539 99

RELIGIOUS SOCIETIES.

Paid John C. Philbrick, 1-2 proportion of interest on ministerial fund due the Freewill Baptist Society for the year ending March 1, 1884,	\$8 95
John C. Philbrick, 1-2 proportion of interest on ministerial fund due the Freewill Baptist Society for the year ending March 1, 1885,	8 95
Hiram P. Mansur, 1-2 proportion of interest on ministerial fund due the Freewill Baptist Society for the year ending March 1, 1885,	8 95
Eliza Blake, 1-2 proportion of interest on ministerial fund due the Methodist Society for the year ending March 1, 1885.	8 95
Samuel W. Roberts, proportion of interest on ministerial fund due the Congregational Society for the year ending March 1, 1885,	17 91
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	\$53 71

OUTSTANDING BILLS.

Paid J. Bradley Cook,	\$0 96
Jacob Ballane,	2 40

Paid John W. Mathews,	2 50
" "	4 45
William H. Wyman,	4 88
Eben J. Hersom,	5 00
John J. Horn,	5 00
John I. Sanborn,	5 28
James Horn,	6 24
John C. Waldron,	6 25
John W. Mathews,	8 00
Oliver Nutter,	9 24
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	\$60 20

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Paid Charles W. Sanborn,	\$0 75
George H. Prescott,	1 50
Wm. A. Maleham,	1 89
John F. Farnham,	1 89
Samuel W. Roberts,	4 50
George H. Gage,	4 54
Charles W. Page,	5 42
John E. Scruton,	6 50
County of Carroll,	27 25
George A. Yeaton,	28 87
James M. Champion, for loss of horse owing to defective highway in Dist. No. 16,	100 00
Mayhew C. Clark, non-resident highway taxes paid in labor,	106 81
William L. Foster,	115 00
Execution in road case,	177 52
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	\$582 44

PUBLIC WATER.

Paid	Leander W. Lary,	\$3 00
	John W. Mathews,	3 00
	Jonathan R. Gilman,	3 00
	Turner N. Sowards,	3 00
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		\$12 00

DOG DEPREDACTIONS.

Paid	Wm. H. Willey 2d, one sheep killed by dogs,	\$3 50
	Eben Chapman, " "	3 50
	B. F. Tibbetts, " "	3 50
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		\$10 50

STATIONERY & PRINTING.

Paid	George S. Dorr, printing town accounts,	\$26 00
	Silsby & Son, for books and stationery,	4 10
	Geo. A. Yeaton, stationery, postage, etc.,	3 50
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		\$33 60

ABATEMENTS.

Paid	Mayhew C. Clark, the following abatements on his tax list for 1884,	
	Patience Cook, heirs of, overtaxed,	\$3 30
	Joseph Cole,	2 82

Paid Silas E. Davis,	2 65
Timothy Davis, for loss of horse,	41
Simeon Dyer,	6 96
Asa M. Farnham,	4 55
Nathaniel Foss,	3 65
Warren Foss,	2 00
Andrew G. Hall, overtaxed,	8 25
John M., & Wm. H. Horn,	1 00
House and lot formerly taxed to Paul Howard,	
overtaxed,	1 65
Charles Harding,	1 65
Chesley Jenness, heirs of,	1 98
Myron Johnson,	1 65
Joseph R. King, loss of house by fire,	3 53
Nathaniel D. Leavitt,	1 65
Samuel L. McDamels,	3 65
Joseph Nason,	2 65
Amasa C. Paul,	1 65
James Perkins, heirs of,	1 92
John Perry,	1 65
Robert S. Pike, for loss of horse,	99
Piece of land, adjoining land of John Paul,	37
W. H. Pillsbury,	1 65
Edwort L. Piper,	1 65
Royal Pike,	1 00
Henry Stevens,	1 65
Joseph Smith,	1 65
Benjamin Schofield,	1 65
Edmond B. Tebbetts, heirs of,	4 46
James Wallace,	1 65
Adam Walker,	1 65
William F. Wentworth,	1 65
Charles Wiggin,	1 65
Asa Whitehouse,	1 50
Nathan O. Weeks,	1 00

 \$83 39

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid	Satchell Weeks, Town Treasurer,	\$30 00
	Simon Blake, Auditor,	2 00
	George H. Gage, Auditor,	2 00
	Joshua H. Cloutman, Supervisor of check list,	8 00
	John W. Mathews, " "	8 00
	Haven N. Cook, Supt. School Com.,	45 00
	George S. Dorr, Town Clerk,	35 02
	Mayhew C. Clark, Collector of Taxes,	100 00
	George Yeaton, Selectman,	104 50
	Phinehas O. Cottle, "	46 75
	Hanson P. Gilman, "	52 00
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		\$433 27

RECAPITULATION.

Paid	State Tax,	\$1236 00
	County Tax,	2958 83
	For support of Paupers,	246 95
	" Schools,	2298 44
	Highways & Bridges,	197 61
	Breaking Roads,	1145 63
	Bonds & Coupons,	1450 00
	Notes & Interest,	539 99
	Outstanding Bills,	60 20
	Miscellaneous Bills,	582 44
	Public Water,	12 00
	Dog Depredations,	10 50
	Stationery & Printing,	33 60
	Abatements,	83 39
	Town Officers,	433 27
	Balance in hands of Treasurer,	320 61
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		\$11663 17

SUMS RECEIVED BY THE TREASURER.

Received of the Treasurer for the year 1883,	\$136 87
“ Savings Bank tax,	1060 11
“ Literary Fund,	168 88
“ Railroad tax,	4 66
“ State for Bounties paid,	13 50
“ County of Carroll,	184 39
“ on tax of James Moore which had been abated,	11 60
“ for use of Town Hall,	2 00
“ Asa H. Weeks on town note,	350 00
“ unworked highway taxes for 1883,	21 02
“ Mayhew C. Clark, collector of taxes for the year 1884, his tax list in full,	9712 14
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	\$11663 17

Whole amount received by the Treasurer,	\$11,663 17
“ paid out by orders on Treasurer,	11,342 56
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Balance in hands of Treasurer,	\$320 61

LIABILITIES.

Due The several school districts; unexpended money for the year 1884,	\$375 85
The several school districts interest on school funds for the year 1885,	44 75
The Freewill Baptist Society 1-2 proportion interest on ministerial fund from March 1, 1877, to March 1, 1883,	53 70

Due	The several religious societies interest on ministerial funds for the year ending March 1, 1886,	53 73
	The Methodist Society 1-2 proportion interest on ministerial fund from March 1, 1883 to March 1, 1885,	17 91
	Burrows Drew, on town bond,	156 00
	John C. Penney, "	520 00
	Sarah A. Hall, "	728 00
	Charles C. Richards, "	1404 00
	Mark H. Wentworth, "	1248 00
	Joseph Maleham, heirs of "	1248 00
	Jacob Ballard, "	624 00
	Lucy A. Wiggin, "	416 00
	Lizzie Pike, "	520 00
	Eliza Blake, "	520 00
	Freeman D. Pike, "	208 00
	Mary A. Duntley, "	416 00
	Algernon S. Weeks, "	208 00
	Mary L. Perkins, "	208 00
	Susan A. Pike, "	208 00
	Almira Pike, "	104 00
	William A. Maleham, "	364 00
	Salome C. Weeks, heirs of, "	104 00
	Mary C. Ballard, "	104 00
	Belle C. Fall, "	156 00
	Lucy N. Fall, "	156 00
	Lucy A. Hill, "	52 00
	Elsie T. Langley, heirs of, "	728 00
	George H. Gage, "	208 00
	Irena Wentworth, heirs of, "	156 00
	Mary Garland, "	156 00
	on interest coupons since May 1, 1884,	10 00
	Kate N. Weeks, on town note,	312 00
	Asa H. Weeks "	361 66
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		\$12,149 60

BY SUMS DUE THE TOWN.

Due from the County of Carroll,	\$201 95
“ Treasurer for 1884,	320 61
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	\$522 56

Amount of liabilities,	\$12,149 60
Money due the town,	522 56
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Balance against the town,	\$11,627 04

GEORGE A. YEATON,	} Selectmen of Wakefield.
PHINEHAS O. COTTLE,	
HANSON P. GILMAN,	

Wakefield, March 4, 1885.

We, the subscribers, two of the auditors for the town of Wakefield, having this day carefully examined the foregoing accounts of the Selectmen, hereby report that we find them correctly cast, and a voucher for each charge.

GEORGE H. GAGE,	} Auditors.
ASA M. BRACKETT,	

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIVED.

From Treasurer for 1884,	\$136 87
County of Carroll,	139 39
Asa H. Weeks, on note,	350 00
Tax that had been abated,	11 60
Use of town hall,	2 00
George A. Yeaton,	45 00
Bounties on crows,	13 50
Railroad tax,	4 66
Savings Bank tax,	1060 11
Literary Fund,	166 88
Highway taxes for 1883,	21 02
Mayhew C. Clark, collector of taxes,	9712 14

\$11,663 17

PAID.

Paid State and County tax,	\$4194 83
School districts,	2298 44
Paupers,	246 95
Sheep killed by dogs,	10 50
Highways and bridges,	208 86
Public Water,	12 00
Breaking roads,	1149 38
Miscellaneous bills,	465 63
Notes and interest,	1989 99
Abatements,	83 39
Outstanding bills,	47 20
Town Officers,	441 27
Ministerial Fund,	53 71
Highway taxes paid in labor.	106 81
Stationery and printing,	33 60
Cash in hands of Treasurer,	320 61

\$11,663 17

SATCHELL WEEKS, Treasurer.

Wakefield, March 4, 1885.

We, the subscribers, two of the auditors for the town of Wakefield, having this day carefully examined the foregoing accounts of the Treasurer, hereby report that we find them correctly cast, and a voucher for each charge.

GEORGE H. GAGE, {
ASA M. BRACKETT, } Auditors.

REPORT
OF THE
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.
OF THE
TOWN OF WAKEFIELD.
FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 1885.

The schools of Wakefield have been kept in successful operation during the past year; no serious interruption having occurred to mar the harmony of their progress. In one district the terms were shortened. A contagious disease threatened to become prevalent in the school. All the teachers employed, except two, had in previous years proved their ability. Of those two I have more definitely spoken in my report of the districts in which they taught. In the following report of the different districts I have intended to be exact, and have made criticisms and suggestions as I thought the interests of the school required. Hoping that it will prove acceptable, I respectfully submit this report to the citizens of Wakefield.

DISTRICT No. 1.

FIRST TERM. Teacher, Miss Mary S. Wentworth. 8 weeks; 16 pupils—average, 15; wages \$52.

SECOND TERM. Teacher, Miss Emma A. Flood. 8 weeks; 20 pupils—average 19; wages, \$52.

THIRD TERM. Teacher, Wm. P. Hastings. 9 weeks; 23 pupils—average 21; wages, \$72.

TOTALS. Three teachers; 25 weeks; different pupils, 23; daily average, 16; wages, \$176; current expenses, \$13.51; cost per scholar, \$8.23; cost per week per scholar, \$0.33: total expended, \$189.51; unexpended balance, \$8.37; agent, Charles Page.

ROLL OF HONOR. Celia M. Fellows, Josephine W. Page, Della Piper, Laura A. Evans, Anstress A. Fellows, Sadie M. Fellows, George L. Garland, Myra L. Page.

Both Miss Wentworth and Miss Flood gave eminent satisfaction. They brought experience to their aid, and both had regard to the interests committed to their charge; their government and teaching were such as we may well expect from those teachers, who enter the school room with a just appreciation of their duty both to themselves and pupils. Miss Flood is a graduate of a celebrated school in Maine, where she made the best use of her opportunity for learning the art of teaching. Mr. Hastings taught his first term here. We cannot well judge of his qualifications, nor of the progress of the school while under his charge; for the reason that the term ended a week sooner than expected, and notice was not given in time. It was pleasant to see a complete set of new geographical outline maps upon the walls of the school room. The excellent recitations in geography proved that the pupils appreciated these aids to their instruction.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

FIRST TERM. Teacher, Miss Etta C. Neal; 8 weeks; 19 pupils—average, 17; Wages, \$24.

SECOND TERM. Same teacher; 8 weeks; 21 pupils—average, 19; wages, \$24.

THIRD TERM. Teacher, Wm. H. Dartt; 12 weeks; 30 pupils—average, 23; wages, \$54.

TOTALS. Two teachers; 28 weeks; different pupils, 32; daily average, 16.166; wages, \$258; current expenses, \$10.50; cost per scholar, \$8.39; cost per week per scholar, \$0.30; Tax raised for repairs of school house \$360; total expended including tax, \$628.50; money unexpended, none; agent, Simon Blake.

ROLL OF HONOR. Genie Tibbetts, Mamie Maleham, Lena G. Richards, Edith Lucas, Charlie Maleham.

Studying history, 1; physiology, 7; book keeping, 1; algebra, 8; geometry, 5.

The teachers were thoroughly competent, their instruction efficient, and their methods approved. Mr. Dartt, an undergraduate of Dartmouth college fully met the expectation of those interested in the school. If the parents in the district had visited the school oftener, they would have encouraged teacher and scholars to more earnest effort. Mr. Dartt was somewhat at a loss while teaching Geography at finding no globe, or maps upon the walls—not even a map of the state. These accessories to instruction are considered almost indispensable by those who have been accustomed to their use. The school house has been extensively repaired and furnished with new seats and desks of the most approved pattern. Your committee would respectfully suggest the propriety of removing the stone posts that stand upon the front side of the school house yard; trees planted in their place would be an improvement. The posts, leaning as they do in different directions, are suggestive of some subteranean commotion, or upheaval of the earth's crust, and from an esthetic point of view, they detract from the good appearance of the place.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

FIRST TERM. Teacher, Miss Laura G. Page; 9 weeks; 16 pupils—average, 14; wages, \$47.25.

SECOND TERM. Teacher, Miss Mary A. Jordan; 8 weeks; 18 pupils—average, 13; wages \$52.

TOTALS. Two teachers; 17 weeks; different pupils 18; daily average, 13; Wages \$99.25; current expenses, \$4.75; cost per scholar, \$6; cost per week per scholar \$0.43 1-2; amount of money drawn from town, including four dollars from preceeding year, \$104; balance in town treasury, about \$70; agent, H. N. Cook.

Miss Page came to this school well qualified as a teacher, and her success is well known to all interested in her first effort at teaching, and to the pupils of the school. No teacher ever made more honest effort, and none ever succeeded better. Miss Jordan did well for the school, and the closing examination showed a fair degree of progress. When the parents realize the importance of punctuality, promptness and the constant attendance of their children at school, and the children can be induced while at school, to confine their attention strictly to their studies, and willingly to obey the wishes of their teacher, then there will be a remarkable advance of the standard of scholarship in this school.

DISTRICT No. 4.

FIRST TERM. Teacher, Miss Addie E. Wentworth. 10.4 weeks; 12 pupils—average 11; wages, \$59.40.

SECOND TERM. Teacher, Miss Mary S. Wentworth. 15 weeks; 12 pupils—average 10; wages, \$97.50.

TOTALS. Two teachers; 25.4 weeks; different pupils 15; daily average, 9; wages \$156.90; current expenses, \$3.05; cost per scholar, \$11.42; cost per week per scholar, \$0.45; unexpended balance, \$38; repairs, \$10.88; agent, Andrew J. Robinson.

ROLL OF HONOR. Ada E. Robinson.

The school was a success throughout. Miss Addie Wentworth carried into effect some of the excellent ideas obtained while in attendance at the Teachers' Institute, and she is now thoroughly preparing for the teacher's work at a Normal school.

DISTRICT No. 5.

FIRST TERM. Teacher, Miss Belle Fall, 11 weeks; 17 pupils—average, 16; wages \$77.

SECOND TERM. Same teacher. 16 weeks; 20 pupils—average, 19; wages \$112.

TOTALS. One teacher; 27 weeks; different pupils, 20; daily average, 17; wages \$189; current expenses, none; contributed by individuals for fuel, \$4; geographical outline maps, \$10; cost per scholar, \$11.35; cost per week per scholar, \$0.42; total expended, \$197.82; agent, John F. Garland.

ROLL OF HONOR. Oscar Archibald, *Albert Farnham, *Clarence Garland, Waldo Jones, *Fred Sibley, Austin Wiggin, Lydia Archibald, *Katie Farnham, Annie Farnham, Mary Garland, *Hittie Sibley, *Ida Sibley, Millie Wiggin, Gertrude Jones.

Those indicated by a * were neither absent nor tardy during the school year.

The conduct of every scholar, with one exception, was perfect.

Commendation here is not needed. The above record speaks for both teacher and pupils. If the teacher had been deficient, or the parents careless about the punctual and constant attendance of their children at school, no such record could be given. A public exhibition was given by the school at the church at the end of the last term. We were prevented from attending it, but judging from the foretaste we had at the closing examination, and from accounts received, it was very creditable to the teacher and scholars, and gratifying to the parents. New maps have been placed upon the walls of the school-room, and this school takes rank among the first and best.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

FIRST TERM. Teacher, Mrs. G. W. Seward, 9 weeks; 15 pupils; wages, \$40.50.

SECOND TERM. Same teacher 16.5 weeks; 18 pupils; wages, \$117.

TOTALS. One teacher; 25.5 weeks; different pupils 18; daily

average 14.5; wages, \$157.50; current expenses, \$11; cost per scholar \$9.36; cost per week per scholar \$0.37; repairs, \$8; money unexpended, \$8. agent, G. W. Seward.

ROLL OF HONOR. Harris S. Davis, Ida M. Wentworth, Ernest E. Wentworth, Ollie L. Young, Harry D. Wentworth, Ina M. Kimball, O. V. Wentworth.

Studying book-keeping, 2; physiology, 4; drawing, 2; composition, 2; History, 4.

We visited this school twice; could have visited it oftener with pleasure, but we knew that the teacher did not need to be watched; her energy in the school room could not fail to keep the pupils awake to their duty and studies—nor was there any lack of visitors, thirty five visits being recorded in the school register. The school closed with declamations and singing, which was much enjoyed by those present.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

FIRST TERM. Teacher Mrs. Hattie N. A. Bertsch; 8 weeks; 12 pupils—average, 10; wages, \$48.

SECOND TERM. Same teacher; 12.5 weeks; 13 pupils—average, 10.

TOTALS. One teacher; 20.5 weeks; different scholars, 14; daily average, 9.5; Wages, \$146; current expenses,— none reported by the teacher—register incomplete; agent, Frank A. Dorr.

ROLL OF HONOR. Eulalia F. Hanson, Lizzie J. Stone.

Studying history, 4; physiology 3, book-keeping 3; Algebra, 1.

We visited this school during the first term. It was in a fair state of progress. We received no notice of the beginning or ending of the second term, and can make no further report of it.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

FIRST TERM. Teacher, Walter I. Weeks; 8.4 weeks; 15 pupils—average, 14; wages, \$71.50.

SECOND TERM. Same teacher; 5.1 weeks; 9 pupils—average, 9; Wages, \$43.37.

TOTALS. One teacher; different pupils, 15; daily average, 10.50; wages \$114.87; register incomplete—no report of current expenses, nor money unexpended.

Studying Composition 5, Physiology 6, Book-keeping 1, Algebra 3, Geometry 1, Philosophy 2. Agent, Ivory S. Loud.

Both terms closed prematurely, the result of sickness. We were thus prevented visiting either term at its close. Mr. Weeks is now attending a High school near Portland, Me.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

FIRST TERM. Teacher, Mr. Arthur P. Merrow. 9 weeks; 42 pupils—average 38; wages \$81.

SECOND TERM. Teacher, Mr. Henry I. Durgin; 12 weeks; 45 pupils—average, 35, Wages, \$135.

THIRD TERM. Same teacher; 46 pupils—average, 45; wages, \$130.40.

TOTALS. Two teachers; different scholars, 56; daily average, 39; wages, \$346.40; current expenses, \$24.34; tuition from scholars from other districts, \$20.46; cost per scholar, \$6.62; cost per week, per scholar, \$0.21; amount unexpended, \$2.64; agent, Frank B. Draw.

ROLL OF HONOR John A. Stevens, Chesley Brigham, Edwin F. Hammond, Geo. S. Hammond, Alice M. Jenkins, Hattie M. Mitchell, Maud G. Sanborn.

The teacher of the first term failed to govern the school in a satisfactory manner. His way of governing was not approved, and he allowed ulterior objects to engross too much of his time. The scholars on their part could have done better than they did; but youth is inconsiderate and it requires tact and discretion to properly govern a school. The first term resulted in little benefit to the scholars. Mr. Durgin has been a student at New Hampton, and he intends to return there. His government of the school was such as inspires confidence and esteem in the minds of scholars; his methods of instruction were efficient and thorough. Maps and a globe should be placed in the school room.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

FIRST TERM. Teacher, Miss. Kate V. Weeks; 8 weeks; 5 pupils—average 4; wages, \$40.

SECOND TERM. Same teacher; 7 pupils—average, 7; wages, \$40.

THIRD TERM. Same teacher; 9 weeks; 6 pupils—average, 6; wages, \$45.

TOTALS. One teacher; different scholars, 7; daily—average, 6; wages, \$125; current expenses, \$4; cost per scholar, \$18.43; cost per week per scholar, \$0.74; paid for permanent repairs, \$10.35; money unexpended, \$115.18; agent James Tuttle.

ROLL OF HONOR. Lizzie Weeks, Willie Weeks.

Mr. John Gage kept the school at the end of the first term; Miss Weeks being sick at that time. The cost per scholar for instruction in this district is seventy-four cents a week, while the average cost in the other districts is about thirty cents a week. The district should be united with that at the "Corner." There would then be more money to pay teachers; the school would be much longer. There is too much monotony in a school of five to seven scholars. It is too much of a task for any teacher to inspire so small a number with that interest in their studies, and that spirit of emulation usually found among the pupils of larger schools. The law provides for carrying to and from the school those scholars whose residence is so far away that they could not walk.

DISTRICT NO. 11.

FIRST TERM. Teacher, Mrs. M A Quimby; 6 weeks; 14 pupils—average, 13. wages, \$36.

SECOND TERM. Same teacher; 18 pupils—average, 15; wages, \$81.

TOTALS. One teacher; 18 weeks; different pupils, 18; daily average, 14; wages, \$117; current expenses,—not reported; register incomplete; agent, Ammon S. Reed. Studying Algebra, 2, Book-keeping, 1, Physiology, 10, History, 10.

Mrs. Quimby taught with marked ability; her manner and methods were excellent. We visited the school once, and went there to make a second visit, but found upon our arrival that a

religious meeting had taken the place of the school. We were unable to be there at the closing examination, but we are informed that it was well attended by parents and visitors, and the exercises were very interesting.

DISTRICT NO. 12.

FIRST TERM. Teacher, Mr. C. L. Wentworth; 7.6 weeks; 75 pupils—average, 71; wages, \$76.

SECOND TERM. Same teacher; 12 weeks; 72 pupils—average, 70; wages, \$135.

THIRD TERM. Same teacher; 8 weeks; 65 pupils—average, 62; wages \$90.

TOTALS. One teacher; 27.6 weeks; different pupils, 75; daily average 63; wages, \$297; current expenses, \$15; cost per scholar, \$4.16; cost per week per scholar, \$0.15; paid for furniture and apparatus, \$3; total expended, \$315; agent, Charles Brackett.

Studying history, 7; book-keeping, 3; algebra, 3.

Complaint was made by some persons in the district, that the school was not properly governed; but those who make such complaint do not justly consider the task of governing and teaching an ungraded school of seventy-five children. The school is altogether too large for one teacher. The people generally were satisfied with Mr. Wentworth. There was no fault on his part. He taught with his usual ability. The best interests of the children require that the school be made a graded one employing two teachers. Then the people may receive full value for the money that they freely pay to support this school.

Whole number of scholars in the schools during the year, 310; amount paid the teachers and for current expenses and repairs, \$2572.89; cost per scholar, \$8 30. Brand's Physiology has been introduced into the schools. I thought it to be the text book upon that subject, best adapted to the requirements of the law and the needs of the schools. I know that the work has been criticised, and that unjustly. It is endorsed by eminent scholars, men who would not lend their names to an inferior work.

Higginsons Young Folks History of the United States, has been introduced into two schools, as a supplementary reading book.

Mr. Eaton, Commissioner of Education at Washington, has issued circulars of information, which are admirably calculated to aid teachers. I have procured a dozen copies of the one best adapted to the wants of our teachers. It was not published in season for distribution the present year, but they will be placed upon the teacher's desks at the commencement of the next school year.

I would gladly have done more for the schools, had it been in my power. It is an undoubted fact that most all our schools are too small, and one is too large as now conducted. In an ungraded school the best results are obtained when the number of pupils neither exceed forty nor is less than thirty. The smaller districts should be united; as they are now there is a waste of money. It is a waste to keep in repair two school houses, half furnished, when one well furnished would cost less—and to employ two teachers when one would do much better if the two schools were united.

Parents should visit the schools oftener than they do. Good teachers, laboring earnestly and conscientiously for the benefit of their pupils, are willing that every one should know it; and especially are they desirous that the parent should appreciate their efforts.

HAVEN N. COOK, Superintendent of Schools.

Wakefield, March 5, 1885.

